

REMARKS

Claims 1-34 are currently pending in the application. Of these claims, claims 1, 7, 15, 27, and 30 are independent.

Objections

Claims 18-19 are objected to because of their use of "a set of components".

Applicant respectfully traverses these objections as follows.

Applicant respectfully submits these objections have been overcome by the above amendment to claim 18 and should accordingly be withdrawn.

Indefiniteness Rejections

Claims 27-29 appear to be rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 112, 2nd paragraph as being indefinite because "the individual component" lacks antecedent basis.

Applicant respectfully traverses these rejections as follows.

Applicant respectfully submits these rejections have been overcome by the above amendment to claim 27 and should accordingly be withdrawn.

Prior Art Rejections

Claims 1-13, 15-23, 25, and 27-34 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 102(b) as being anticipated by U.S. Patent 6,167,947 B1 to Hokanson et al. ("Hokanson").

Claims 14, 24, and 26 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) as being unpatentable over Hokanson.

Applicant respectfully traverses these rejections as follows.

Independent claims 1, 7, and 30 recite control of a vent valve to adjust flow of external ambient air for a computing system based on a cooling requirement.

Applicant respectfully submits Hokanson did not teach or suggest such feature(s) as claimed. More particularly, Applicant respectfully submits control of purge valve 128 and pressure relief valve 130 of Hokanson are not based on any cooling requirement. Applicant also

respectfully submits control of gas control valve 124 of Hokanson does not adjust any flow of external ambient air.

Independent claim 15 recites a vent valve to adjust flow of external ambient air to cool one or more components of a computing system.

Applicant respectfully submits Hokanson did not teach or suggest such feature(s) as claimed. More particularly, Applicant respectfully submits control of purge valve 128 and pressure relief valve 130 of Hokanson are not used to cool any one or more components. Applicant also respectfully submits control of gas control valve 124 of Hokanson does not adjust any flow of external ambient air.

Independent claim 27 recites adjusting an airflow resistance of one or more of a plurality of vent valves based on a cooling requirement.

Applicant respectfully submits Hokanson did not teach or suggest such feature(s) as claimed. More particularly, Applicant respectfully submits control of purge valve 128 and pressure relief valve 130 of Hokanson are not based on any cooling requirement.

Noting the remaining rejected claims depend from independent claim 1, 7, 15, 27, and 30, Applicant therefore respectfully submits these rejections have been overcome and should accordingly be withdrawn.

Note that there may be additional reasons for the patentability of claims. For example, there may be additional reasons why the dependent claims are patentable.

It is respectfully submitted this patent application is in condition for allowance, for which early action is earnestly solicited.

The Examiner is invited to telephone the undersigned to help expedite the prosecution of this patent application.

Respectfully submitted,

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